

ABSTRACT

Lactobacillus strains that have a genetic Profile I based on *Apa* I, *Not* I, and *Xba* I digests are provided. Preferably, the strains decrease level of at least one of coliforms and *E. coli* within the gastrointestinal tract of an animal. A direct-fed microbial that includes the strain is additionally provided. A method of feeding an animal the strain and a method of forming a direct fed microbial that includes the strain is also provided.